

Eddy Current.

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EDDY, N. M.

It will be found in good time that the United States treasury can go a loan.

Turkey has been roasted by the press long enough; it is not time it was roasted by the powers.

With Germany at his back, President Kruger ought to be the most formidable figure of the time.

The census of Germany, just completed, shows the population of the empire to be 51,758,261, an increase of 2,329,831 during the last five years.

The king of Corea is constantly surrounded by Japanese spies, and fears that he will be assassinated. The dispatch added that his majesty was nightly guarded by the American missionaries.

Dr. G. Frank Lydton, a distinguished nerve specialist, gives the following cure for hiccoughs: "I always cure myself of hiccoughs by holding the ends of my two index fingers as close as I can without allowing them to touch. In that way I concentrate my mind so closely on the fingers I forget the hiccoughs."

Dispatches say that Mayor Strong did not kiss the bride at the Vanderbilt-Belmont wedding. This strengthens the suspicion that the bride isn't the dream of the New York society reporters and artists would have in simple westerners believe. Still, a Chicago magistrate would have had the moral courage to do his duty even if it pointed to a New York face.

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Those who know just where the shoe pinches will be interested by the information which comes from Union Hill, N. J., that Charles Heinzman of that place has discovered a new and sure "corn cure," that may be relied upon to work every time. The corn was on his little toe, and after Mr. H. had suffered as he stated, "the torments of the damned" he told his wife to cut off the toe. She performed the operation as delicately as she could with a butcher's cleaver, whereupon Mr. Heinzman rejoiced greatly for several days. At length blood poisoning set in, and today the poor man is dwelling over "mortals weep no more."

Official calculations made in Russia and transmitted to the State Department of the United States Consul-General Karal at St. Petersburg show that the present year's harvest of cereals in the whole world is much smaller than last year's, and compared with 1894 the decrease is in wheat 150,467,000 bushels, and rye 128,971,000 bushels. Other grains turned out better. In Russia the harvest was short 55,371,733 bushels of wheat and 88,345,425 bushels of rye. The financial organs, therefore, commend the policy adopted by Russia dealers of holding back their grains to obtain better prices later on. The official estimates for next year place the amount of wheat required to be imported at 513,523,715 bushels and rye at 81,153,791 bushels, of which Russia will be expected to supply 121,531,925 bushels of wheat and 57,527,706 bushels of rye. She will be able to export 131,522,869 bushels of wheat and 29,329,342 bushels of rye.

A press report from Washington says the introduction in the house by Mr. Bench, of Ohio, and the senate by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, of resolutions favoring a congress of the American republics has given an official impetus to a project that has been vigorously revived since the disclosures were made in the Venezuelan controversy. Both these resolutions were received with favor and many of the experts on foreign affairs in both houses believe that some definite action will be taken along these lines by the present congress. Mr. Allen, in his resolution, fixed the name of the congress as the Pan-American Union and suggests that its object be to prevent encroachments by European powers on this hemisphere. In the plan offered by Mr. Bench in the house it is proposed that the President invite the South American republics to send plenipotentiaries to a conference to be held in Washington within a year for the purpose of forming an American Union with the same objects in view, the secretary of state to be the representative of this government. A member of the house foreign affairs committee said that he believed the committee would give favorable consideration to this resolution.

When the financial backers of the Atlanta exposition figured up their loss they discovered that during the time the fair was in progress there had been 818,909 paid admissions and 435,000 passes. When the "pass" figures were divulged they went out and took a drink to quiet their nerves.

There is great hope for the race when a conscience-stricken violator of the New York game law sends \$150 to the authorities as a fine that might have been put upon him if he had been found out. There is also hope for the game.

SCIENCE UP TO DATE.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL FIELDS.

The New War Monitor Puritan and Her Strength in War—Could Destroy a Fleet of Warships in Very Short Order—Notes of Progress.

UNLIKE their ancestors of a quarter of a century ago, our present house wrens no longer affect the forest's solitude and quiet, but seek the hum and stir of busy life, where man is the principal actor. Here they glean their daily fare, and here they build their rude but cozy nests. Easy to please, almost any cavity suits them for shelter and the accommodation of their callow brood. Tree-hollows were once in great demand, but nowadays a preference for boxes, which are provided by man for their use, is plainly manifest. When these are not at hand, some of the birds do not hesitate to accept discarded tomato cans, perforated gourds and like conveniences.

Once a pair of wrens made use of a cast-off hat, which had been perforated and nailed to the side of a shed. Another couple, copying the sleeve of a mow's coat hanging near a window in a barn, took up quarters within its spacious hollow. The pocket of an old broken-down carriage served as a home for another party, and right pleasantly was spent the summer in its comfortable embraces. But a more interesting case I am now about to relate. Three or four seasons ago, near the village of Thornbury a nest of the house wren was found in a sheave of a derrick. Its materials were bits of sticks and feathers, such as birds are always known to use. It is the peculiar situation of the nest, however, that excites one's astonishment. A sheave, let me explain, is a wheel in a fixed or moveable block over which a rope passes. In the case in point, the nest was placed in a stationary block in the space just over the sheave, but the materials of which it was composed were so skillfully arranged so as not to interfere with the free motion of the wheel. In the accompanying cut the position of the nest is shown by the dotted line c. The entrance is on the side of the block facing the rope. The opposite side, with less danger to life or limb, might have been used, but a preference was shown for the other. Why this was so, remained for some time an unsolved problem. But when the birds were seen to alight upon the rope at a, ride down to b, and pass thus to the rest, the reason became apparent. Never

stone of considerable size—one about twenty-six times heavier than the moon—its orbit being 5,000 miles from the earth's surface, this tiny moon revolving round the earth in three hours and twenty minutes.

Swallowing Fire. You have all heard, perhaps, of the trick by which an amateur juggler eats a lighted candle right before the eyes of the spectators. It seems a somewhat wonderful feat, but it is simple enough when explained. The piece of candle is made of an apple nucleus pared and trimmed, and the wick consists of a bit of almond, which burns on account of the oil that is in it. He is a trick that is better than that, however. It is nothing less than swallowing a night-lamp, wick and all, together with the oil in which it floats. The night light is cut out of an almond, a little pointed bit of it serving as a wick, while the oil is well imbibed by what is known as "white wine," which you may choose of as yellow a tint as possible. Having allowed the light to burn a little while, give the glass a shake, which will send the light to the bottom, extinguishing

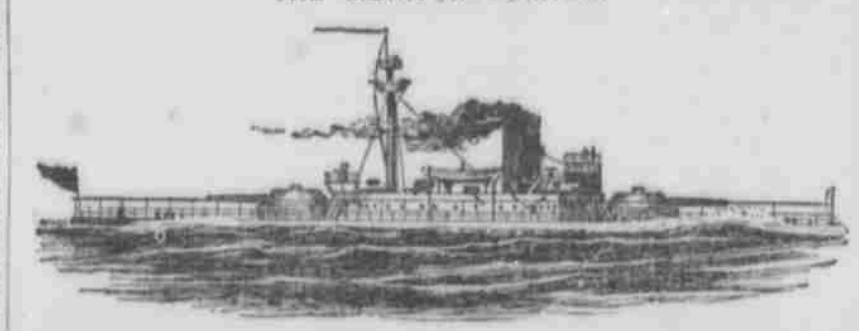


It and cooling it instantly. Then you may drink the contents of the glass and chew the almond at your leisure.

Bicycles for Fire Brigades. In these days of cycle locomotion it is not surprising to know that the wheel has been utilized for fire brigade purposes. A tricycle fire engine has been used at small fires with great success. At the back is a cistern containing water. If a water main is near the hose can, of course, be attached to that. A tricycle engine was first used by the Oxford fire brigade. They are now common in many parts of England.

Latest at Niagara. The latest news concerning the big powerhouse at Niagara Falls is that the current has been turned into the heaters there. There are fifty heaters in the building. They will be used to heat the buildings, and, besides, experiments will be made with them to determine the utility of electricity for heating

THE MONITOR PURITAN.



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ECCLIESIASTICAL CONTEST.

Powerful Creed Defenders Backed Up by Shouting Sisters of the Faith.

For the last week the Rev. Mr. Hyrd of the Christian church and the Rev. Mr. Blalock of the Missionary Baptist denomination have been engaged in a lively debate at Spring place, says the Atlanta Constitution. Every day they meet in the courthouse, and in the presence of large audiences they discuss the merits and demerits, the claims and the credits, of the two professions of religious belief. The debate attracted large crowds and one day Hyrd would hurl his denunciations against the opposition and on the next day Blalock would launch invectives at the faith of his brother preacher. Toward the last the battle became so obstinate that some exceedingly vigorous language was used.

On Saturday matters reached a climax when the pent-up emotions of the women of the two flocks gave way and they prepared for a shouting match. The Baptist sisters went prepared to indulge in a fervent demonstration and had their plans all laid for a regular jubilee of prayer and praise. Somebody gave the plan away and the Christian church women marshaled their vocal legions in battle array. Numerically they were the weaker, but by enthusiasm and lung power they made up for the disparity in numbers.

Finally, just at the close of Blalock's talk, at a signal given, the leader of the Baptists opened up and the other sisters joined in. The leader of the Christian church cohorts took the cue and began on her side of the house, and then occurred a scene such as those who were present never witnessed before. Finally the Christian church people triumphed and carried the day over their competitors in vocal powers. The concluding sermon was delivered and at the close it was declared a drawn battle, and Blalock returned to Tennessee and Hyrd returned to Dalton, each claiming that he had vanquished his opponent.

Peeling still runs very high among the Murray county folks and opinion is very much divided as to which one of the preachers got the best of the discussion.

THE CROCODILE PECULIAR.

Appears to Be Very Dead When He Is Much Alive.

There is little in the animal kingdom that can be so dead and be so much alive as a crocodile. The number of unsuspecting persons who have mistaken him for a log and have failed to discover their mistake until it was too late to be of any benefit to them will never be known. In ancient times, several years prior to the British occupation of Egypt, some of the people of that country worshipped the crocodile as a god, there being nothing else like him. They fed him on dainties and toggled him out with jewelry. In other parts of Egypt, however, the natives looked upon him as a devil. Having no firearms, they did not fill him with lead, but they managed to immobilize him successfully with such weapons as were fashionable at the time. The crocodile is not so numerous in the Nile as he was in the days of the Ramesses family; in fact, he rather shuns the river now below the second cataract on account of the annoyances inseparable from tourist traffic. It seems impossible for a tourist to see a crocodile without trying to plug him with a revolver, and to a reptile that is fond of a quiet life this sort of thing is simply insufferable. He will not molest a man unless he can take him at a disadvantage, and as long as a man does not unthinkingly step on him the crocodile will go his own way and calmly await his opportunity. He feeds on fish, but for a course dinner would rather have humanity, black preferred, which shows that there is no accounting for taste, even among reptiles. His methods of capturing large game are plural as well as singular. Sometimes he will lie on a river bank partly covered with sand or mud until an absent-minded native wanders within reach. Having grabbed his prey he will waddle into the water and there drown the struggler. He will then drag his victim ashore and bury him in sand or mud and wait for days before he gorges himself.

ALL SORTS.

A Maine yankee is figuring on a sidewalk which can be turned up to dump snow into the gutter.

The Boston public library has secured the manuscript of one of Lope de Vega's 2,000 plays. It is 354 years old.

The aristocratic dog cemetery at the north end of Hyde park, London, has been closed, as it is completely filled with tenants.

The Prospectors' association, which is interested in West Australia mines, declared a dividend the other day of 600 per cent on ordinary shares and 400 per cent on vendors' shares.

With a present tonnage of 2,900,000 in excess of that passing through the Suez canal that of the Sault Ste. Marie is to receive a notable increase next season by the addition of eight large steel freighters—perhaps twelve. This means much for steel plate mills, foundries, machine shops and ship yards upon the lakes during the season of construction.

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Wagnerian Miracles.

The Parisian wits are reviving an old story about the wonderful cure from deafness of a patient who was recommended to go to hear "Lohengrin," and to sit near the orchestra, by the trumbones. The doctor accompanied his patient and sat beside him. All of a sudden, while the noise of the instruments was at the loudest, the deaf man found he could hear. "Doctor," he almost shrieked, "I can hear." The doctor took no notice. "I tell you, doctor," repeated the man, in ecstasy, "you have saved me. I have recovered my hearing." Still the doctor was silent. He had become deaf himself.

His Opinion. A Rochester preacher says that Mrs. Let was turned to salt in an entirely natural manner "to point a moral and adorn a tale."

Should a man think more, or less, of a man who gives him a poor cigar?

Nervous

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